GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3549
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2001
PURCHASE OF ITEMS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICES
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Government departments keep on purchasing items directly from the manufacturers/their dealers whose DGS&D rate contract prices expire and are not renewed such as computers having been purchased outside Delhi by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) such as Chennai and Philips Tubelight in whose respect there is no DGS&D RC price contracted during 2001 yet approved on DGS&D RC price by Kendriya Bhandar, Delhi;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have asked DGS&D if they can provide item on rate contract prices required by the Government offices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a)&(b): The Directorate General of Supplies & Disposals (DGS&D) normally concludes fresh Rate Contract (RC) before expiry of the current RCs. If for any item the current RC expires but new RC is not in place due to unavoidable circumstances the Government Departments are free to purchase that item under their own arrangements. BSNL being a Public Sector Undertaking, is not obliged to make purchases through DGS&D.

Similarly, Kendriya Bhandar, not being a Government Department have their own purchase system. It has its own approved rates for items which are frequently required by customers, irrespective of whether items are on DGS&D rate contract or not.

(c)&(d): The possibility of sourcing supplies through DGS&D is under examination.